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Colonel Edwin F. Black /
The National War College
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Black:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of
1 February regarding my confirmation as Director
of Central Intelligence.

Despite the strong stand of the small minority
opposing my appointment, I naturally gained great
satisfaction and was deeply grateful for the many
people who fought for me and who have expressed
their confidence in my ability to do the job.

It was kind of you to write me and I do
appreciate it.

Yours sincerely,

John A. McCone

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THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE
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Dear Mr. McCone —

Having had the privilege of meeting you a number of times while serving as Military Assistant to Secretaries Gates, Douglas and Gilpatric, I am taking the liberty of joining with a number of your other admirers to add my congratulations on your decisive victory over the "worms in the woodwork" of the Executive Branch who tried to prevent your confirmation.

I am heartened to know that you have agreed to serve in a position which is crucial in our national security structure, and which, God knows, needs strong and truly patriotic leadership.

Sincerely,

Edmund F. Byrne
Col., Infantry